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Disinfection of steamship St. Gothard, from Tampico.

Week ended May 28, 1904: Bills of health issued to 8 vessels leaving for ports in the United States.

The British steamship *St. Gothard*, which sailed from Tampico, Mexico, May 10, for a port in the United States via Cardenas and Matanzas, was disinfected at this port May 24, at the request of her captain. This vessel arrived in this port with a partial cargo of sugar from Cardenas, and was disinfected before commencing to take on here the balance of her cargo. She left this port May 27, bound for New Orleans direct with no sickness on board.

The object of the disinfection was to gain time by avoiding the period of detention in quarantine on her arrival at the port of destination.

The only infectious disease reported in this city during the past week has been one case of enteric fever. The epidemic foci of scarlet fever have been so well dealt with that no further cases have been reported. All infected premises have already been disinfected and the patients have been discharged cured, without there being a single case of death.

The mortuary statistics of Matanzas for the latter part of the present month will be forwarded with my next report.

Reports from Santiago.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, May 24 and 30, as follows:

Week ended May 21, 1904, bills of health issued to 9 vessels bound for the United States and Porto Rico.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Mortuary report for the week ended May 21, 1904.

Causes of death.	Number.	Bertillon number.
Pernicious fever	2	4
Tubercle of lungs	1	27
Meningitis	1	61
Cerebral hemorrhage	1	64
Tetanus, infantile	3	72
Endocarditis	1	78
Organic heart disease	1	79
Arterio-sclerosis	1	81
Broncho-pneumonia	1	92
Pneumonia, double	2	93
Empyema	1	94
Enterocolitis, under 2 years old	4	105
Athrepsia	1	105a
Congenital debility	1	151
Ill-defined or unspecified	3	179
Total	24

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 27.42 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

Week ended May 28, 1904. Bills of health issued to 3 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.